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<<<THIS CONVERSATION WAS RECORDED FOLLOWING THE
PROMOTION OF ANDREW WIGGIN TO COMMANDER OF DRAGON
ARMY>>>

GRAFF: For a few minutes there, it actually occurred to me to wonder what kind of a man would heal a broken child of some of his hurt, just so he could throw him back into battle again. A little private moral dilemma. Please overlook it. I was tired.

ANDERSON: Saving the world, remember?

G: Call him in.

A: We're doing what must be done, Colonel Graff.

G: Come on, Anderson, you're just dying to see how he handles all those rigged games I had you work out.

A: That's a pretty low thing to--

G: So I'm a low kind of guy. Come on, Major. We're both the scum of the earth. I'm dying to see how he handles them, too. After all, our lives depend on him doing real well. Neh?

A: You're not starting to use the boys' slang, are you?

G: Call him in, Major. I'll dump the rosters into his files and give him his security system. What we're doing to him isn't all bad, you know. He gets his privacy again.

A: Isolation, you mean.

G: The loneliness of power. Go call him in.

A: Yes, sir. I'll be back with him in fifteen minutes.

G: Welcome, little boy. Your dear Uncle Graff has plans for you.



I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF
DRAGON ARMY.

THAT'S BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN
A DRAGON ARMY IN FOUR YEARS. WE
DISCONTINUED THE NAME BECAUSE
THERE WAS A SUPERSTITION ABOUT IT.

"NO DRAGON ARMY IN THE
HISTORY OF THE BATTLE
SCHOOL EVER WON EVEN
A THIRD OF ITS GAMES.
IT GOT TO BE A JOKE."

"WELL, WHY ARE
YOU REVIVING
IT NOW?"



WE HAD A
LOT OF EXTRA
UNIFORMS
TO USE UP.

WE'VE
ASSEMBLED
DRAGON ARMY BY
ADVANCING THE
EQUIVALENT OF AN
ENTIRE LAUNCH
COURSE EARLY.

I THINK
YOU'LL BE
PLEASSED WITH THE
QUALITY OF YOUR
GOLD SOLDIERS.

YOU'D BETTER
BE, BECAUSE
WE'RE FORBIDDING
YOU TO TRANSFER
ANY OF THEM.

NO TRAPEST!
WHAT IF I'VE GOT
A SOLDIER I JUST
CAN'T GET ALONG
WITH?

GET
ALONG WITH
HIM.

"YOU'VE BEEN CONDUCTING YOUR EXTRA PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR THREE YEARS NOW. ENTER, YOU HAVE A FOLLOWING."

"SOLDIERS FROM OTHER ARMS
WILL PUT UNFAIR PRESSURE
ON THEIR COMMANDERS TO
TRADE THEM INTO YOUR ARMY."



"WE'VE GIVEN YOU
AN ARMY THAT CAN, IN
TIME, BE COMPETITIVE."

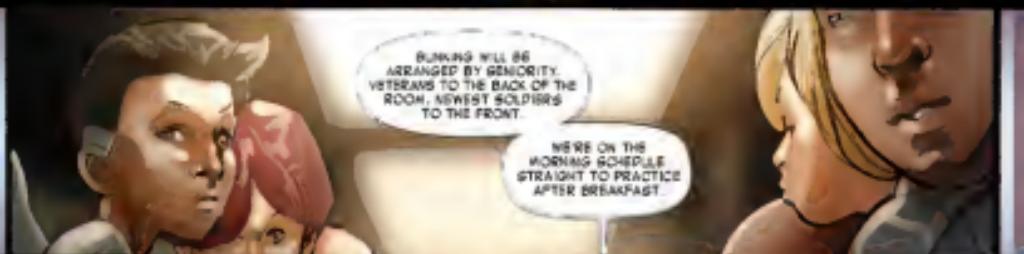
"WE HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
LETTING YOU
DOMINATE
UNFAIRLY."

"DRAGON
ARMY, STAND AT
ATTENTION!"



"BUNKING WILL BE
ARRANGED BY SENIORITY.
VETERANS TO THE BACK OF THE
ROOM; NEWEST SOLDIERS
TO THE FRONT."

"WE'RE ON THE
MORNING SCHEDULE,
STRAIGHT TO PRACTICE
AFTER BREAKFAST."



"OFFICIALLY, YOU
HAVE A FREE HOUR
BETWEEN BREAKFAST
AND PRACTICE."

"WE'LL SEE WHAT
HAPPENS AFTER I
FIND OUT HOW
GOOD YOU ARE."

"THAT'S NOT
HOW THE OTHER
COMMANDERS
DO IT."





I'M NOT
LIKE ANY OTHER
COMMANDER.

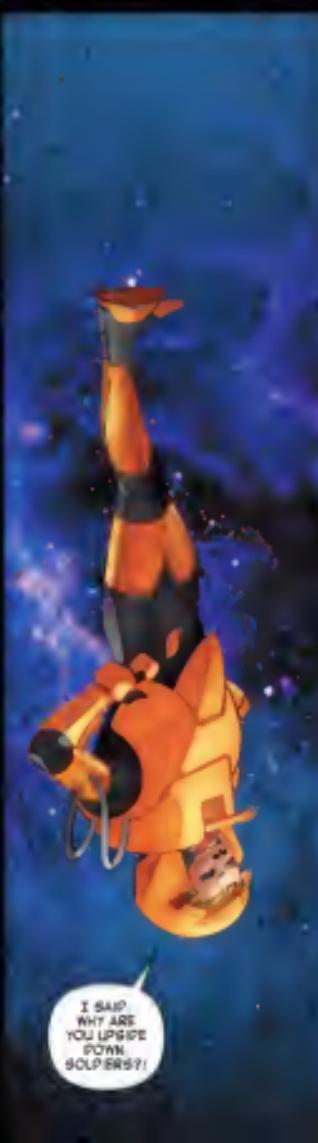
DRAGON
ARMY, FALL
OUT!







DRAGON ARMY!



I SAID WHY
DOES EVERY ONE
OF YOU HAVE HIS
FEET IN THE AIR AND
HIS HEAD TOWARD
THE GROUND?!

MR. THIS IS
THE DIRECTION
WE WERE COMING
IN OUT OF THE
CORRIDOR.

WELL WHAT
DIFFERENCE IS
THAT SUPPOSED
TO MAKE? ARE WE
GOING TO FIGHT
IN THE CORRIDOR?
IS THERE ANY
GRAVITY HERE?



GET THAT
FOR SIZE OR FOR
BRAINST?

HAHAHAHAAA!!

WELL, BEAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT ONTO
THINGS. NOW LISTEN
TO ME, BECAUSE
THIS MATTERS.

Nobody's
GOING TO GET
THROUGH THAT POOR
WITHOUT A GOOD
CHANCE OF GETTING
HIT. IN THE CLP PAYS
YOU HAD TEN, TWENTY
SECONDS BEFORE
YOU EVEN HAD
TO MOVE.

NOW IF YOU
AREN'T ALREADY
STREAMING OUT
THE POOR WHEN
THE ENEMY COMES
OUT, YOU'RE FROZEN.
NOW, WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU'RE FROZEN?

CAN'T
MOVE.

THAT'S
WHAT FROZEN
MEANS BUT
WHAT HAPPENS
TO YOU?

YOU KEEP
GOING IN THE
DIRECTION YOU
STARTED IN, AT
THE SPEED YOU
WERE GOING WHEN
YOU WERE
FLASHED.

THAT'S TRUE.
AND IF YOU FREEZE
RIGHT HERE, YOU GET
IN THE WAY. IF YOU'RE
MOVING, YOU PLUG UP
THE ENEMY'S LINES,
BLOCK THE ENEMY'S
VISION.

I IMAGINE
THAT ABOUT FIVE
OF YOU EVEN
UNDERSTAND THE
POINT OF THIS. AND
NO DOUBT BEAN IS
ONE OF THEM.

RIGHT,
BEAN?

...RIGHT,
SR.

THEN
WHAT IS THE
POINT?

WHEN YOU ARE
ORDERED TO MOVE,
MOVE FAST SO IF YOU
GET HIT, YOU'LL
BOUNCE AROUND INSTEAD
OF GETTING IN THE WAY
OF YOUR OWN ARMY'S
OPERATIONS.

EXCELLENT. AT
LEAST I HAVE ONE
SOLDIER WHO CAN
FIGURE THINGS OUT.





IS BEAN
THE ONLY ONE
WHO KNOWS?

WHICH
WAY IS THE
ENEMY'S
GATE?

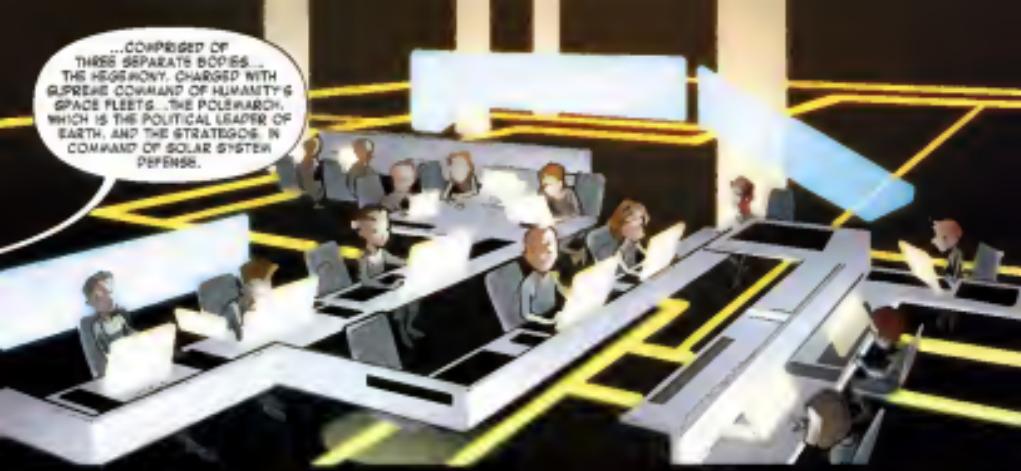
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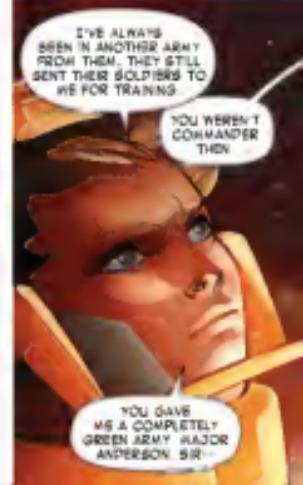


NOW, WATCH THIS. THIS IS WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON FOR THE FIRST HALF HOUR TODAY...











ATTENTION...
THE GAME ROOM WILL CLOSE
IN 30 MINUTES. REPEATING...
FINAL BELL IN 30 MINUTES...





YOU CAN TRY. I
TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW. BUT I DINT
TEACH YOU EVERYTHING
I KNOW.

I KNEW ALL
ALONG THAT YOU
WERE HOLDING
SOMETHING BACK.
ENDER.



I WASN'T.
ALAI,
HOLDING
ANYTHING
BACK.

ALAI,
ALAI

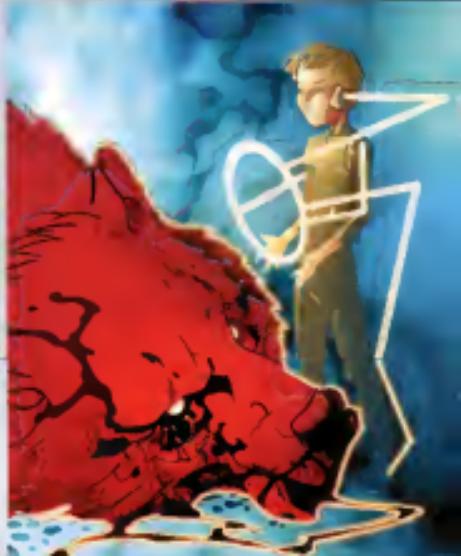
I KNOW.
NEITHER
WAS I



ALAB
IT IS NOT
TO BE

WHAT
ISN'T?

PEACE. IT IS
WHAT SALAHU
MEANS. PEACE BE
UNTO YOU.







NEXT ISSUE:





Andrew "Ender" Wiggin may be the best hope of all of humanity. The alien Formics twice attacked Earth with devastating power. We barely fought them off. Now the International Fleet has drafted the best and brightest of Earth's children to train to fight against a third invasion. On arrival in Battle School, Ender entered a world where the teachers monitor the students' every action while pitting them against one another in army war-games—war games Ender excelled at. Quickly rising through the standings, Ender has just been appointed the commander of Dragon Army—the youngest commander in the history of Battle School. Is Ender really the savior the fleet needs him to be? Or will the pressures of command wear him down?

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